

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 1275

BY REPRESENTATIVE NOWLIN

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS: Authorizes the La. State Board of Medical Examiners to increase the annual fee to identify, monitor, and treat physicians suffering from certain conditions that may interfere with their ability to practice medicine

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1281(B), relative to certain additional fees for the issuance,  
3 renewal, or reinstatement of physician licenses, permits, certificates, or registrations;  
4 to authorize the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners to increase the annual  
5 fee utilized for identification, monitoring, assistance, and procurement of treatment  
6 of physicians suffering from behavioral, psychiatric, or physical conditions which  
7 may interfere with their ability to practice medicine; and to provide for related  
8 matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 37:1281(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

11 §1281. Fees and costs

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13 B.(1) In addition to all other applicable fees and costs attendant to the  
14 issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of any license, certificate, permit, or registration  
15 issued to a physician by the board pursuant to this Part, the board shall charge and  
16 collect an additional annual fee of ~~twenty-five~~ fifty dollars from each physician to  
17 be utilized for the identification, monitoring, assistance, and procurement of  
18 treatment of physicians suffering from substance abuse, chemical dependency,  
19 psychiatric conditions, or physical deficiencies which may interfere with their ability

1 to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety as defined in R.S.  
2 37:1285(A)(25).

3 (2) The ~~twenty-five~~ fifty dollar fee established in this Subsection shall be due  
4 and payable at the time of application for the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of  
5 any license, permit, certificate, or registration.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the La. State Board of Medical Examiners (LSBME) to increase the annual fee utilized for identification, monitoring, assistance, and procurement of treatment of physicians suffering from behavioral, psychiatric, or physical conditions which may interfere with their ability to practice medicine.

Present law provides that, in addition to all other applicable fees and costs, the LSBME shall charge a \$25 fee at the time of issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of a physician license, certificate, permit, or registration.

Present law provides that this fee shall be utilized for the identification, monitoring, assistance, and procurement of treatment of physicians suffering from any of the following:

- (1) Substance abuse.
- (2) Chemical dependency.
- (3) Psychiatric conditions.
- (4) Physical deficiencies which may interfere with the physician's ability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety.

Proposed law increases this fee from \$25 to \$50.

(Amends R.S. 37:1281(B))